

2011.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Olson; Rep. Miller of Florida; Rep. Palazzo; Rep. Bonner; Rep. Scalise; Craig Bennett, Director, National Pollution Funds Center, United States Coast Guard; Tony Penn, Deputy Chief, Assessment and Restoration Division, Office of Response and Restoration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Garret Graves, Chair, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana; Robert Craft, Mayor, City of Gulf Shores, Alabama; Bill Williams, Commissioner, Gulf County, Florida; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CAUCASUS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on conflicts in the Caucasus, focusing on prospects for resolution, where these conflicts stand today, what factors impede a settlement, whether the resumption of armed hostilities is a serious threat, whether changes in the negotiating format might yield a better outcome, and what, if anything, could the United States do to facilitate a resolution, from Tom de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Nottingham, United Kingdom; and Fiona Hill, Brookings Institution, and Wayne Merry, American Foreign Policy Council, both of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Maureen K. Ohlhausen, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Rebecca M. Blank, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) expansion of top level domains, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, of California, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges to address domestic and global water supply issues, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Business meeting to consider S. 432, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, S. 1296, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island, S. 1266, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to build on and help coordinate funding for the restoration and protection efforts of the 4-State Delaware River Basin region, S. 1740, to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, the nomination of Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and proposed resolutions relating to the General Services Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tara D. Sonenshine, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, Anne Claire Richard, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and Robert E. Whitehead, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, all of the Department of State, and Earl W. Gast, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine barriers facing the long-term unemployed, 9:45 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Business meeting to consider S. 1763, to decrease the incidence of violent crimes against Indian women, to strengthen the capacity of Indian tribes to exercise the sovereign authority of Indian tribes to respond to violent crimes committed against Indian women, and to ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes committed against Indian women are held accountable for that criminal behavior, and S. 1065, to settle land claims within the Fort Hall Reservation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine state and Federal tax policy, focusing on building new markets in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: Business meeting to consider S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, S. 1821, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts, S. 1236, to reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels, and the nominations of Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and Brian C. Wimes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing on the examination of MF Global bankruptcy, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunities, markup of the following: H.R. 3559, the “Insurance Data Protection Act”; H.R. 2446, the “RESPA Home Warranty Clarification Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3298, the “Homes for Heroes Act of 2011”. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “Promoting Global Internet Freedom.” 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, markup of the following: legislation to authorize the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) to ensure the timely and effective distribution of alerts and warnings; H.R. 1411, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure continuation of the Metropolitan

Medical Response System Program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1129, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit requiring the use of a specified percentage of a grant under the Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program for specific purposes, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “A Review of Passenger Screening Technology at U.S. Airports.” Noon, 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing on the United States Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Conference: Meeting of conferees on H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, 10:30 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.